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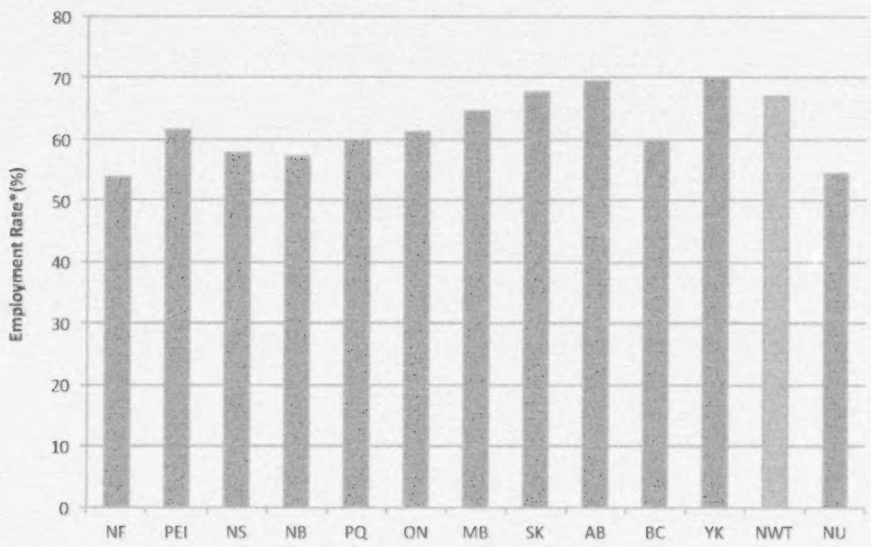
NWT Labour Force Activity
- November 2014 -

In November 2014, Statistics Canada estimates that 21,300 persons were employed in the Northwest Territories. This represents an employment rate of 67.0% and was the fourth highest in Canada behind the Yukon, Alberta and Saskatchewan*. Nationally, Canada's employment rate was 61.7% last month.

Figure 1 *Employment Rate*
Provinces & Territories, November 2014



Despite being one of the highest employment rates in Canada, it's the lowest rate for the Northwest Territories since June 2010 and is 2.3 percentage points lower than November 2013.

Over the last 12 months, fewer NWT residents were working or actively seeking employment indicating a movement out of the labour force. Correspondingly, those not in the labour force increased by 1,200 persons over the year (Figure 2).

Table 1 *Monthly Highlights*
Northwest Territories, November 2014

	Nov-14	Oct-14	Nov-13
Population	31,800	31,800	31,900
Labour Force	22,900	23,100	24,200
Employed	21,300	21,400	22,100
Unemployed	1,700	1,700	2,100
Not in Labour Force	8,900	8,700	7,700
Participation (%)	72.0	72.6	75.9
Employment (%)	67.0	67.3	69.3
Unemployment (%)	7.4	7.4	8.7

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*Based on a 3-month moving average employment rate that is not seasonally adjusted.

Figure 2 ***Persons Not in the Labour Force and Employment Rate Northwest Territories, 2012 – 2014***

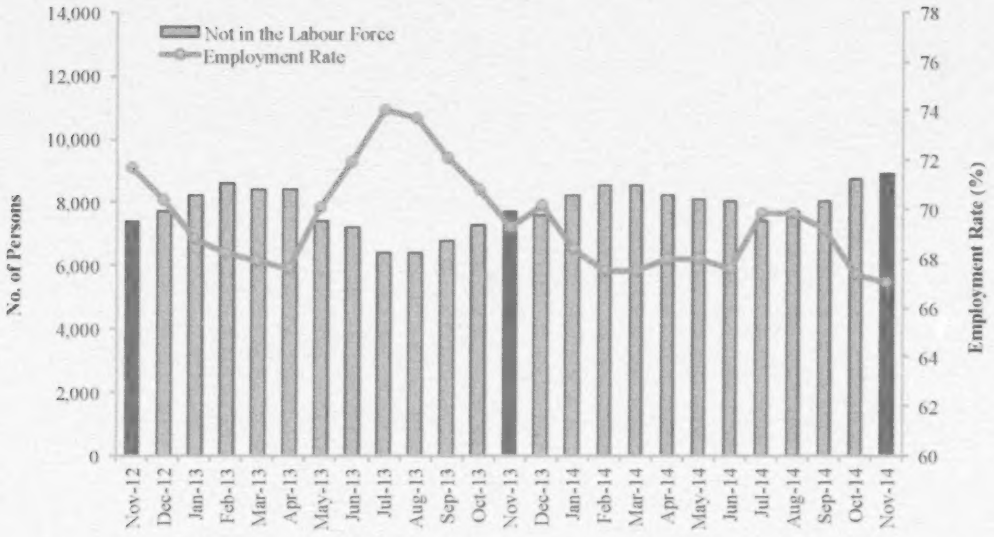

Table 2 shows November employment levels and rates by key characteristics since 2012. The employment rate for those aged 15 – 24 years of age remains considerably below historical levels. All other demographic groups also showed declines in employment rates. By geography, Yellowknife employment rates are similar to previous years however outside Yellowknife, employment rates have decreased.

Table 2 ***Employment Rates by Key Characteristics Northwest Territories***

	Nov-14		Nov-13		Nov-12	
	Employed (Persons)	Employment Rate (%)	Employed (Persons)	Employment Rate (%)	Employed (Persons)	Employment Rate (%)
Northwest Territories	21,300	67.0	22,100	69.3	23,000	71.7
15-24 Yrs.	2,500	39.1	3,100	47.7	3,200	47.8
25 Yrs. & Over	18,800	73.7	19,000	74.8	19,800	78.0
Males	11,100	67.7	11,700	70.5	12,100	73.3
Females	10,200	65.8	10,400	68.0	10,900	70.3
Aboriginal	7,400	50.3	7,900	54.1	8,000	56.7
Non-Aboriginal	13,900	81.3	14,200	82.1	15,000	83.3
Yellowknife	12,400	81.0	12,700	80.9	12,700	81.9
Other	8,900	53.6	9,400	57.7	10,300	62.4

Table 3 presents historical labour force activity in the Northwest Territories.

Table 3 ***Labour Force Activity***
Northwest Territories

	Population 15 & Over	Labour Force	Employed	Unemployed	Not in the Labour Force	Participation Rate	Unemployment Rate	Employment Rate
Nov-14	31,800	22,900	21,300	1,700	8,900	72.0	7.4	67.0
Oct-14	31,800	23,100	21,400	1,700	8,700	72.6	7.4	67.3
Sep-14	31,800	23,800	22,000	1,800	8,000	74.8	7.6	69.2
Aug-14	31,800	24,100	22,200	1,900	7,700	75.8	7.9	69.8
Jul-14	31,800	24,400	22,200	2,200	7,400	76.7	9.0	69.8
Jun-14	31,800	23,900	21,500	2,300	8,000	75.2	9.6	67.6
May-14	31,900	23,800	21,700	2,200	8,100	74.6	9.2	68.0
Apr-14	31,900	23,800	21,700	2,100	8,200	74.6	8.8	68.0
Mar-14	32,000	23,500	21,600	1,900	8,500	73.4	8.1	67.5
Feb-14	32,000	23,400	21,600	1,900	8,500	73.1	8.1	67.5
Jan-14	32,000	23,800	21,900	1,900	8,200	74.4	8.0	68.4
Dec-13	31,900	24,400	22,400	2,000	7,600	76.5	8.2	70.2
Previous Years:								
Nov-13	31,900	24,200	22,100	2,100	7,700	75.9	8.7	69.3
Nov-12	32,100	24,700	23,000	1,700	7,400	76.9	6.9	71.7
Nov-11	32,100	24,300	22,600	1,700	7,800	75.7	7.0	70.4
Nov-10	32,200	23,200	21,900	1,200	9,100	72.0	5.2	68.0
Nov-09	32,100	22,000	20,500	1,500	10,100	68.5	6.8	63.9
Nov-08	32,100	24,200	22,800	1,400	7,900	75.4	5.8	71.0
Nov-07	31,900	24,600	23,100	1,500	7,300	77.1	6.1	72.4
Nov-06	31,400	24,300	23,000	1,300	7,100	77.4	5.3	73.2
Nov-05	31,300	23,500	22,300	1,200	7,800	75.1	5.1	71.2
Nov-04	31,000	23,400	22,200	1,200	7,600	75.5	5.1	71.6

Information on the territorial labour market is a result of the extension of Statistics Canada's national labour force survey (LFS) to the Northwest Territories. Data presented for the Northwest Territories is based on three-month moving averages, with survey counts rounded to the nearest 100 persons.

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